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Meditation

We may not hope that we escape the blight
Of sorrows, but we know, unless we're blind,
That if we keep our faces toward the light,
The shadows fall behind.

When grief shall come to put our joy to flight
The truth within this promise we may find:
If we but keep our faces toward the light,
The shadows fall behind.

—*Frank Davis Harris.*

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MORNING WORSHIP, JUNE 10, 1945

You will greatly assist in the promotion of the spirit of worship by refraining from conversation before the service. Silence is the best preparation for worship.

The Organ Prelude "Mountain Sketches" *Clokey*
The Call to Worship The Invocation
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The Hymn 266 "O Young and Fearless Prophet"
The Organ Interlude and Silent Prayer, closing with the Prayer of Our Lord
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The Anthem "Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name" *Shelley*
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The Gloria Patri
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The Reading From the Scriptures 2 Timothy 2
The Prayer Hymn "'Mid All the Traffic of the Ways"
(*Congregation seated*)
The Pastoral Prayer The Moment of Meditation
The Welcome to Visitors
The Hymn of Preparation 300 "Be Strong"
The Sermon "PLAY THE GAME"
R. Marvin Stuart
The Offertory "Meditation" *Rogers*
The Doxology
The Graduation of the Church Membership Class
The Benediction
The Organ Postlude "Festal March" *Calkin*

* * * * Ushers may seat late comers during this interval. The Church maintains a nursery for small children during the morning service.

9:30 A. M. "Methodism Has a Message." KSFO.

9:45 A. M. The Sunday School with classes for all ages.

11:00 A. M. Graduation of Church Membership Class. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Schug will be at the door to welcome the members of the congregation.

Visitors, be sure to fill out the card in the pew and place it on the offering plate.

3:00 P. M. The Wesley Foundation will meet with the Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the African M. E. Zion Church.

7:00 P. M. The Intermediate Fellowship will meet in Wesley Parlors.

There will be no meeting of the High School or Fireside Fellowships this Sunday because of the High School Baccalaureate Service at eight o'clock.

Your minister is giving the Baccalaureate sermon this evening at the High School. The following members of our Fellowship are graduating from High School this week: Connie Smith, Mary Jean Ireland, Anna Jungermann, Phil Jenkins, Lynne Hawkins, Helen Hallawell, Ida Mae Van Slyke, Bill Moore, James Marquis, Geary Johnstone, Jim Forster, John Franzman, Don Elliott, Reid Butler, John Baldridge, Norman Stocker.

Tuesday. W. S. C. S. general meeting. Executive Board meeting at 10:45 a. m. Luncheon at noon will be served by Group B. Make reservations with Mrs. W. E. Wood, 23557. The speaker for the program at one o'clock will be Dr. Harry J. Rathbun, Professor of Law at Stanford University. His subject will be, "Attitudes and Accomplishments."

Wednesday. The Official Board will meet in Wesley Parlors at 8 p. m.

Thursday. The choir will meet at 7:45 p. m.

"Welcome, Mrs. Kimball!" Mrs. Alice Corr Kimball begins as our new organist today and we are delighted to extend to her our most cordial best wishes. She is a graduate of Lawrence College (Wisconsin) with the degree of Mus. B. She has had further work at Northwestern University, Chicago Musical College and the University of Southern California, and has had private study with Roland Diggle and John Smallman of Los Angeles. At present she is studying with Dr. D. Sterling Wheelwright of Stanford University.

Mrs. Kimball is the daughter of a Methodist minister and thus brings to this position as organist a fine understanding and appreciation of the Church's function.

Next Sunday

We expect to have the privilege of hearing Dr. Roy L. Smith, Editor of "The Christian Advocate." We are particularly honored in having as our pulpit guest one of the great preachers of America. We will unquestionably give him a great hearing. As indicated in last Sunday's bulletin, there is the bare possibility that he will be sent to Europe by the government and thus not be able to keep his appoint with us next Sunday. Definite announcement of his arrival or cancellation will appear in the Palo Alto Times on Saturday, June 16.

The flowers today are given by Mrs. T. E. Leland in memory of Mr. Leland's birthday. Three of the children are doing likewise in their respective churches in Peru, Boston, and Detroit.

It was a joy to prepare our church's report for Annual Conference. The final figures showed an average attendance increase in the Sunday School of 60 per cent. We raised for all purposes over $30,000, nearly $10,000 of which was for benevolences (including payments on the Crusade for Christ). We received seventy-five new members during the year. The report was mailed last Friday but Annual Conference does not open until June 27th in Stockton.

"Bibles, Not Bombs for Tomorrow's World" is the theme of the War Emergency Campaign of the American Bible Society. The Society must raise an additional $2,932,600 to provide the Scriptures for the armed forces, prisoners of war, liberated areas and other war emergency needs. Here is a need which all Christian people will welcome the opportunity of helping to meet. Envelopes are provided today for your contribution to this fund.

Y. M. C. A.

"Good citizens don't just happen—they are made. During the past one hundred and one years the Young Men's Christian Association has helped to make good citizens—in its work with young boys during their formative years when careful guidance and proper association are most needed. There's a Gra-Y for boys in grade school, Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y for high school boys and girls, Indian Guide groups for fathers and sons and adult groups, for big brothers and sisters and even fathers and mothers. Through the 'Y's' 'Youth and Government' programs, high school girls and boys gain a firsthand knowledge of how their city and state government work. They learn to 'do' something about their community problems and study together religious, racial and international problems so that they have an understanding of other peoples' traditions and customs. On this, its 101st anniversary, the First Methodist Church joins in extendinig our good wishes to the Y. M. C. A., which for more than a century has helped youth around the world to become better citizens."

The Look Ahead

I am done with the years that were; I am quits.
I am done with the dead and old.
They are mines worked out; I delved in their pits;
I have saved their grain of gold.

Now I look to the future for wine and bread;
I have bidden the past adieu;
I laugh and lift hands to the years ahead;
"Come on! I am ready for you!"
—*Edwin Markham* (Written in eightieth year.)

Balzac said: *"To live in the presence of great truths and eternal laws, that is what keeps a man patient when the world ignores him and calm and unspoiled when the world praises him."*

"Put in the plow
And plant the Great Hereafter in the now."
—*Browning.*

Methodism Cited

From *The Christian Century,* April 18, 1945:

METHODISTS SURPASS CAMPAIGN GOAL

Not many will be surprised to learn that the Methodist Church has overshot its $25,000,000 objective for the first and financial phase of its "Crusade for Christ." The final figure subscribed, as announced on April 6, was $26,040,749, of which more than $11,000,000 has been paid in cash. This is the largest sum ever raised by a Protestant denomination in one year for a purpose beyond the regular work of the church. An unannounced proportion of the fund is to be used for relief and rehabilitation, but the larger part will be devoted to meeting war-occasioned emergencies in the missionary and educational work of the denomination. The success of this drive will be noted far outside Methodist circles.

"Mine was the weight
Of every brooded wrong, the hate
That stood behind each envious thrust;
Mine every greed, mine every lust.
And all the while for every grief,
Each suffering I craved relief
With individual desire—
Craved all in vain and felt fierce fire
About a thousand people crawl;
Perished with each; then mourned with all!
A man was starving in Capri;
He moved his eyes and looked at me;
I felt his gaze, I heard his moan
And knew his hunger as my own.
I saw at sea a great fog bank
Between two ships which struck and sank;
A thousand screams the heavens smote
And every scream tore through my throat;
No hurt I did not feel, no death
That was not mine; mine each last breath
That, crying, met an answering cry
From the compassion that was I;
All suffering mine and mine its rod;
Mine pity like the pity of God."

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"Dear Lord, I pray,
Lest I continue in my complacent way,
Help me to remember
That a boy died out there for me, today."

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"I am aware as Christ was aware
On Calvary's Cross that the Father was there."

—*Edna St. Vincent Millay.*

A Mother Talks to a Child

Though you have shut me out, your eyes
Betray some wound your heart denies.
You need not fear, I shall remain
Outside that baffled look of pain;
I shall not see, for I must learn
To mask my pity and concern.
And, I am proud that you have shown
Courage to face your world alone.

Only, remember this: when there
Are times when you have need to share
Your problems, I shall always be
Waiting for you to come to me—
Either to help you on your way,
Or to blunt the sharp edge of dismay.
Your need of me, if you but knew,
Is nothing to my need of you.

—*Elizabeth Gret Stewart.*

The Missionary Enterprise

The missionary enterprise has taught ecumenicity—or the habit of mind which thinks of the whole household of faith throughout the world as one in origin and one in ultimate intention—supra-national, supra-racial, supra-denominational. Ecumenicity is the willingness to stress not accidental disunity, or even intentional division, but that unity of fellowship which is the intention of the Great Head of the church who prayed before His crucifixion that His followers might be one. The missionary enterprise has put substance into this conception. It is not merely a dream. There is a worldwide fellowship in every land. It is the only worldwide fellowship in existence.—*Dr. Henry Smith Leiper.*

"I've washed eight little children limbs;
I've taught eight little souls their hymns."

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"He who gives a child a treat
Makes joybells ring in Heaven's street;
He who gives a child a home
Builds palaces in Kingdom Come,
And she who gives a child its birth
Brings Saviour Christ again to earth."

—*John Masefield.*

"God is at the Organ, I can hear
A mighty music echoing far and near;
God is at the organ and the keys
Are rolling billows, storm-strewn moorlands—trees."

—John Drinkwater.